

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner objected to claims 6-11 due to a formal error in claim 6. In response, claim 6 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 6-11 and 14-15 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 18-28 have been allowed. The allowable status of these claims is unchanged by the present amendment and, therefore, claims 6-11, 14-15, and 18-28 will not be discussed further hereinafter.

Claims 1, 3-5, 12, 13 and 16 were rejected as being anticipated by, or obvious in light of, Fischer (WO 00/41475) (US No. 6,824,657). The Examiner's rejections are traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to positively include the actuation structure. Insofar as the actuation structure was previously inferentially included in claim 1, and is positively recited in allowed claim 18, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner. Further, it is submitted that the amendment to claim 1 actually reduces the issues on appeal, and places the application in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is considered proper and is hereby requested.

The cited art does not teach or suggest an actuation structure wherein an end

portion of the bar is adapted to engage the actuation structure to move the bar between first and second positions.

As noted previously, Fischer discloses a component carrier 11 for holding components 12 during a coating process. The component carrier 11 includes a support frame 22 and a carriage 23. Holding magnets 32 are positioned on the carriage 23 to hold the components 12 in place during the coating process.

Referring to column 9, line 40 through column 10, line 10 of Fischer, the component carrier 11 is placed into a bracket 13 during the component mounting process. Once the component carrier 11 is placed into the bracket 13 the magnets 32 partially move from a holding position into a neutral zone. This allows a slight magnetic force to act on the component 12 during the mounting process. Once the mounting process is complete the component carrier 11 is removed from the bracket 13. The magnets 32 then shift to the maximum holding position where they remain during the coating process. After the coating process is complete the component carrier 11 is placed back into the bracket 13 at a position rotated 180° with respect to the component mounting position. In this position the magnets 32 move from the maximum holding position into the neutral zone. The magnetic force acting on the components 12 is now minimal, thus, allowing for easy removal of the components 12 from the component carrier 11. In Fischer there is no actuation structure that acts on the component carrier 11 to move it from a first position to a second position. Rather the component carrier 11 must be physically removed from the bracket in order to move the carriage into the holding position. Thus, Fischer does not teach an actuation structure to move the bar between the first and second positions. Therefore, Fischer does not

teach or suggest all the features of claim 1.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that Fischer clearly does not anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and claims 2-5, 12, 13 and 16 that depend therefrom, is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-14810.

Respectfully submitted,

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